

GEORGE WASHINGTON bade farewell to Revolutionary War officers as he ended his military career. Ceremony was held in Fraunces Tavern, New York.



JAMES MONROE was a lieutenant colonel in Revolution. He served as Secretary of War before becoming President.

MILITARY BACKGROUNDS OF PRESIDENTS

The 32 men who have been President can be divided as follows as far as military experience is concerned:

With	Without
George Washington	John Adams
James Madison	Thomas Jefferson
James Monroe	John Q. Adams
Andrew Jackson	Martin Van Buren
William H. Harrison	John Tyler
Zachary Taylor	James K. Polk
Franklin Pierce	Millard Fillmore
Abraham Lincoln	James Buchanan
Ulysses S. Grant	Andrew Johnson
Rutherford B. Hayes	Chester A. Arthur
James A. Garfield	Grover Cleveland
Benjamin Harrison	William H. Taft
William McKinley	Woodrow Wilson
Theodore Roosevelt	Warren G. Harding
Harry S. Truman	Calvin Coolidge
	Herbert Hoover
	Franklin D. Roosevelt

OUR MILITARY PRESIDENTS

By William J. Moyer

WHEN Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower tossed his hat into the presidential ring—or permitted it to be tossed in for him—a controversial subject was ignited that is certain to continue until the Republican convention and, if he is nominated, until election day.

It will be debated from drawing rooms to the corner saloon whether or not a military man should be President.

Probably the first question to come up will be:

What is meant by a "military man"? Is he one who has had top-level military experience? Or is the label at-

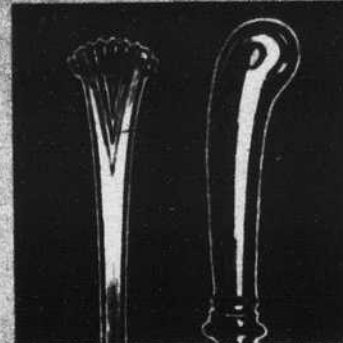
tachable only to professional soldiers?

If a military man is one whose prominence is due to military experience, Gen. Eisenhower and his backers have plenty of precedence in his behalf. Of the 32 men who have been President, 15—or 47 per cent—had military experience which, at least, was worthy of mention in their biographies.

Following the Revolutionary War, the country elected a military leader for its first President—George Washington—whose exploits and career are too well known to recount here.

After John Adams and Thomas Jef-

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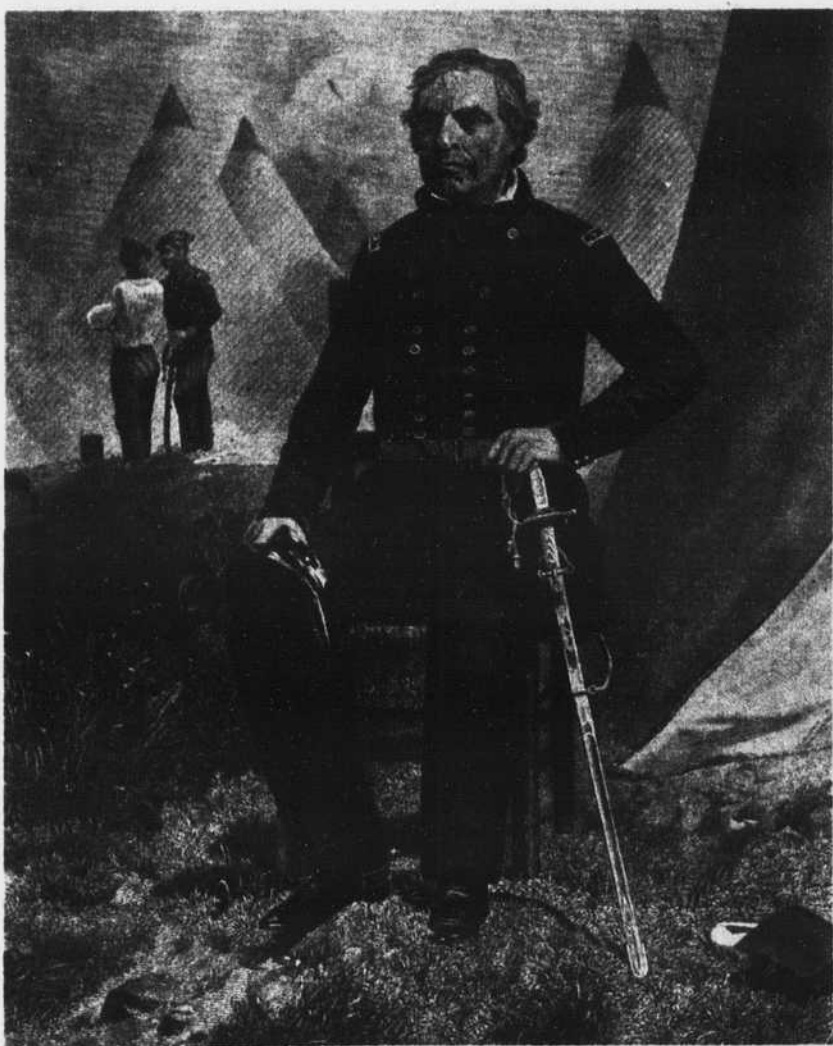


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